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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-166936 dated June 20, 2000 together with English language translation.
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